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WEATHER.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—For lower Michigan—Showers tonight, clearing early Sunday, colder, northwest winds.

AGAINST ELLIS.

While election bells are no very reliable standards by which to forecast probable election results, the odds offered in the Morton house pool room of 7 to 10 on Ellis are significant. The bet interpreted means that the bookmakers will stake \$7 that Ellis will be elected against \$10 that he will not be. It is also significant that like odds are offered on no other candidates on the democratic ticket. The conclusion is inevitable that despite the clamor made over Ellis, the bookmakers are unwilling to stake any even money on his election.

To the average democrat this will be very sad. He has been lured into the belief that all candidates Ellis is most certain to be elected. But the bookmaker has scanned the horizon and he has discovered that Ellis is not strong with the farmers and honest workmen. He has worked his bureau day and night to send out among these men his illustrated literature praising himself as a friend to labor. Not satisfied with this self-adoratory missionary work, he has obtained entrance to the councils of organized labor and secured therein the adoption of resolutions condemnatory of his opponent. This high-handed prostitution of labor by a scheming self-seeker is meeting the retribution it so richly deserves.

The laboring men are inquiring: If Diekmann has done so much against us what has Ellis done for us? They are examining the records and looking at the facts instead of taking Ellis' literature as gospel. They discover that Diekmann is a positive and outspoken friend to them, and that Ellis is a vainglorious pretender. They learn that when Gerritt J. Diekmann's name was called in the legislature to vote on 36 bills in favor of the workingmen he voted for every one of them; if he ever opposed a labor bill it was because it contained provisions inimical to labor and not because of unfriendliness. These same men also discover that this man Ellis instigated the vicious attack upon his opponent. They resent such base and damning duplicity in a candidate for office. They will therefore ignore the denunciation and vilification of Diekmann and vote for their real friend instead of for his hypocritical traducer, who never did a positive act for labor in his life. Hence the odds.

NO BLUSH OF SHAME.

During the canvass preliminary to the state convention THE HERALD led the opposition to Mr. Rich. Thin-skinned and thick-necked partisans were surprised at the daring independence and thoroughness displayed. They predicted any amount of disaster to THE HERALD, but their opinions were unheeded. THE HERALD believed it was right, and consistently upheld its belief. When the convention named Mr. Rich he was accepted as the best candidate that could be named, and from that day to this he has received the sincere and vigorous support of this newspaper.

After the convention had been held among the very first to recognize the value and sterling worth of THE HERALD as an influential republican newspaper was John T. Rich himself. Last Sunday he contributed a signed editorial to THE HERALD, and it was given the place of honor in these columns.

No honest and honorable man will question the devotion of THE HERALD to the principles of the party. It never yet faltered in the service of the party. Unscrupulous and unworthy men may malign it; self-seeking politicians may curse it; corrupt political tricksters may despise it and true and good men may doubt the wisdom of its policy, but it will continue to be a fearless, upright and outspoken defender of political truth and virtue. It appeals to its record with no blush of shame. It challenges any man or set of men to say that it has ever demanded a reward for its political influence, under its present management. It defies any man or set of men to say in truth that it ever asked for a dollar from any candidate for office except in payment for advertising space, or the sale of extra papers. THE HERALD is a newspaper, dependent for its existence upon the patronage of the public, like all other newspapers. It never received a dollar of any man's money unless it returned value received therefor. The man or newspaper that will charge to the contrary, is a charlatan, black-leg and a liar.

RECKLESS SCORN.

It would reasonably be anticipated that THE HERALD would reply to the bitter personal attack made upon it by the Eagle. However great the provocation may be to leave it to the mask that conceals its envy of THE HERALD as a respected and honorable republican newspaper and hides its political animosity and hypocrisy, THE HERALD

recognizes in it a pretended newspaper, and in its feeble and mean mountings, a weak defender of republican principles. Therefore for the sake of the moiety it may be able to contribute to the success of the party it will be permitted to continue in its support of one candidate, among the several, without deserving chastisement.

THE HERALD has accorded every candidate on the republican ticket such support as the moral and mental worth of each has entitled him to receive. It has not discriminated in favor of one to the injury of all the rest. It has maintained a vigorous campaign in behalf of the principles of protection, and its columns are the best indices to the character and scope of its political allegiance. If it has taken occasion to criticize men and acts it has done so for the good of all. It has no apologies to offer for its republicanism. It will continue to support the ticket of its party because its duty to party in a crisis is superior to all and every consideration foreign or inimical to republican success.

It would be cruel to say of the Eagle that it is committed to the support of At S. White, the democratic-peoples' party candidate for the legislature, and yet it has never said a word in criticism of his partisan acts in the last legislature, but on the contrary has extolled his virtues as a free trader. It would be even more cruel to call attention to its other acts of cringing servility to democratic politicians. But THE HERALD refrains from exposing its miserable hypocrisy until another time.

ELECTION PROSPECTS.

Just at present every politician is figuring on the probable electoral vote. The New York Sun, always reliable and conservative in election forecasts, submits the following prognostication—

DEMOCRATIC.	REPUBLICAN.
Alabama..... 11	Missouri..... 17
Arkansas..... 11	North Carolina..... 11
California..... 11	New Jersey..... 10
Colorado..... 11	South Carolina..... 10
Connecticut..... 11	Tennessee..... 10
Delaware..... 11	Texas..... 10
Florida..... 11	Virginia..... 10
Georgia..... 11	West Virginia..... 10
Idaho..... 11	Wisconsin..... 10
Illinois..... 11	Wyoming..... 10
Indiana..... 11	Total..... 174
Iowa..... 11	
Kansas..... 11	
Michigan..... 11	
Minnesota..... 11	
Mississippi..... 11	
Montana..... 11	
Nebraska..... 11	
Nevada..... 11	
New Hampshire..... 11	
New Mexico..... 11	
New York..... 11	
Ohio..... 11	
Oklahoma..... 11	
Oregon..... 11	
Pennsylvania..... 11	
Rhode Island..... 11	
South Dakota..... 11	
Tennessee..... 11	
Texas..... 11	
Vermont..... 11	
Washington..... 11	
West Virginia..... 11	
Wisconsin..... 11	
Wyoming..... 11	

FROM THE ABOVE.

From the above the average politician of any persuasion will be able to conjure for himself a satisfactory conclusion as to the election. It must be admitted, however, that election guesses are variable in character and unstable in returns. About the surest way to settle the momentous question is to abide the result of the great struggle November 8.

TENDERLY laid to rest in the silence of the grave, the remains of Mrs. Harrison have received the final tribute of loving regard. With moistened eyes and heavy heart the president left all that was dearest to him in life, buried beneath a mass of drooping flowers strewn upon the casket by loving friends. His gentle ways and tender grief will live as reminders to his sorrowing countrymen, that their honored chief executive is a man of deep sympathies—tender-hearted, brave and noble.

CHAIRMAN HARRITY of the democratic national committee presumes to believe that Cleveland will carry New Jersey, Indiana, New York, Connecticut and several districts in Michigan. Mr. Harrity has a very vivid fancy. If he were a man of greater age and experience he would show the older rainbow chasers a degree of respect by holding his hat in his hand when he talks through it after such a fashion.

For a family newspaper whose moral sense is so acute that it will refuse to tarnish its stainless columns with the particulars of a prize fight, the coarse and dirty invective THE Eagle used last evening to bolster up a nasty personal attack on THE HERALD is a refreshing bit of cheap literature.

Hark it is almost election time, and the most serious charges yet made against the personal character of the presidential candidates is that one wears his "grandfather's hat," and the other weighs 240 pounds. Did somebody ring up the political millennium?

In the contest of Mrs. Cole's will, now going on in New York, it is shown that the good woman had a statue of Venus, but draped because her son persisted in looking at it. And yet there are persons that claim New York isn't a modest city.

For nearly 3,000 years Tharites has been known as the lowest, vilest, most scurrilous and indecent character in literature, but the back-biting Greek looks up as a model of manliness in comparison with THE Eagle.

DR. M. DICKINSON wants to bet \$5,000 that Cleveland would win. Who ever thought that our only God would become "a dead game sport?"

HARRISON can't compete with the University of Michigan in point of numbers, but her foot-ball team can wipe the earth with Chicago's.

THE WAGON'S friends think he is insane. Did any of Tom Watson's friends ever think him sane?

REVEREND his feathers and whiskers, THE Eagle is between the devil and the deep, deep sea.

SIMMONS McGRAW is beginning to lose confidence.

DONE IN HIS NAME

The Mission Reports Read at Yesterday's Session

OF THE HOME MISSIONARIES

Interesting Statements Concerning the Work Done Among the Negroes and Indians—Sunday's Appointments.

Yesterday was the second day of the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary society. The morning session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. T. L. Tompkinson of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. H. C. McCabe, editor of Woman's Home Missions, and Miss Mary Belle Evans, publisher, read the reports of the affairs of that paper, showing that the paper is doing good work in its field.

The report of Mrs. M. L. Wells of Morristown, N. Y., secretary of the bureau for mission supplies, was read, and in it she told at length of the good work the bureau was doing and the objects it had accomplished.

Mrs. E. W. Simpson of Troy, N. Y., secretary of the Indian bureau in New Mexico and Arizona, read her annual report. They have two missions, one for the Apaches and another for the Navajos. The former is on a firm footing and prospering, and the other gives bright promises for success. At these missions the Indian women are educated in housework and sewing, besides in spiritual matters, and they are eager and learn quickly.

The Navajos are industrious and sober, and have never drawn rations from the government. In the discussion that followed Mrs. Simpson said that the Navajos had no word in their language meaning God, and in the present uncertainty as to making them understand what is meant it has been deemed inadvisable to start a school.

Mrs. Anna Kent of New Jersey, secretary of the Spanish missions in New Mexico and Arizona, rendered an interesting report of her work. She expressed a firm belief that while her field is a difficult one, yet it is worth working, and that good results can be accomplished.

Mrs. Norton, who for five years was a missionary laboring among the Spaniards, told of her work and the work that was being done and to be done. She made an earnest plea for funds, and gave several interesting instances of superstition as it prevails among the Spanish people.

Mrs. E. W. P. Goff, secretary of the bureau for Mormons, rendered her report. No new work has been started during the past year, through a lack of funds. The missions already established in former years are being carried forward with excellent results. There are seven institutions, and all of them are in a prosperous condition and are doing much to spread the gospel. The investments in property amount to \$37,000. A committee, with Mrs. Goff as chairman, was appointed to consider the matter of reviving the work in Utah.

Indian Mission Work.

Mrs. H. C. McCabe, secretary of the Indian missions, said that no new work had been entered upon. The report was supplemented by a verbal report by Miss Griffith, who has personally worked in the Indian field.

Telegrams of greeting were ordered sent to the National W. C. T. U. convention in Denver and to the National Foreign Missionary society convention in Massachusetts, and Mrs. Hickman of Cleveland, O., was elected a delegate to the national W. C. T. U. convention in Cleveland next month.

A resolution was presented by Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, favoring another amendment to the federal constitution, prohibiting any union of church and state and prohibiting the use of state funds to the support of sectarian institutions of any kind. The resolution was adopted.

After devotional exercises led by Mrs. Hazlett of the Pittsburgh conference and the reading of the minutes by the secretary, the conference corresponding secretaries gave brief reports. Wyoming conference reported an awakened interest in the work for a membership of 800. An increase in the general fund was reported with satisfactory progress in all branches. Mrs. Jones of the Wilmington conference reported an advance in all the lines of the work. Mrs. Benson of the West Wisconsin conference reported that the Lord had added to the work at that conference. The total membership is 849 and during the year \$1,100 was raised. Mrs. Alsbaugh of the Upper Iowa conference reported that the year had witnessed a gain of five auxiliaries, five of which were newly organized, and of the older societies having become inactive. There are forty-two auxiliaries with a total membership of 1,026. During the year a grand total of \$2,733.20 was raised. Mrs. Simpson of Troy reported a large increase in the work in an interesting report. Mrs. Chaffee of the Southwestern Indian conference reported much earnest thought and continuous effort with good results.

Acts of Self-Denial.

Mrs. Colonel Springer of the Little Rock conference reported that the societies had been rapidly organized since February. She related in graphic words many of the acts of self-denial on the part of the minister and people in that new country.

Mrs. Williams of Delaware, Ohio, moved that Mrs. Springer and other organizers be authorized to look after the new organizations with which they are conversant and give them their assistance until able to stand alone.

After discussing Mrs. Williams' drew the motion.

Mrs. Judge M. R. Hagans, superintendent of bureau for the west southern states, presented her annual report, showing encouraging gains along the line of education and Christianity among the colored people of the south. An increase of progress is noted. Reports of the fourteen industrial schools in the south, where the colored children of both sexes are schooled in the domestic arts and are educated in the common and higher branches. The report was long and abounded with interesting details of the work.

At the close of Mrs. Hagans' paper the hymn, "One More Day's Work for Jesus," was sung.

Home for White Girls.

Mrs. B. L. Williams of Delaware, chairman of the bureau for the west central states, including the River industrial home at Athens, Tenn., then presented her report. The River home for young white girls, and the proved a far as eminent success. At this time twenty-five girls are provided for and eleven are now waiting

admission. Many of the young girls born in luxury are living in the most abject poverty without hope of anything better. They have no chance. The women of the north have not yet realized the utter helplessness of a large proportion of their white sisters of the south. They have very properly, earnestly and actively sympathized with the black woman who was ambitious to better her condition, but they have not felt the heartaches nor heard the prayers of the other women who, by no chance of their own, were born into a social system which was, if possible, a more bitter curse to them than to the blacks themselves. There is a longing for opportunity among all classes in the south, for the children of families who were once wealthy are being reared in poverty. The pitiable thing is the absolute helplessness of many of them. The building is completed, the land is cleared, and the farm is ready for all the rains have been pledged. But we have had but one day's supply at a time and our faith has been constantly tested. God's blessing in temporal and spiritual things has been upon it, and we believe that the blessed work of a co-worker with God come to each one who has prayed for, worked for, or contributed towards this beautiful home in the bosom of the most beautiful East Tennessee mountains.

Mrs. Province's Paper.

The report of the Morristown Home was made by Mrs. Anna Kent and showed a satisfactory state of affairs at the home.

Mrs. Province of Louisiana one of the colored delegates was called to the platform and read a very interesting paper descriptive of the work from the standpoint of one of their own people. The opening sentence, "I am glad to say the colored people are not bought and sold any more," brought general applause. Continuing she said: "A large majority of our people have made rapid progress in literary culture while a great number are still slaves to ignorance, sin and superstition. The population of East Tennessee is made up of people from every section of the United States. Those living in the remote regions never have the opportunity of obtaining these advantages. Mothers teach their children that they are not responsible for their sins until they are 12 years old. These little folks are also taught that they must bear a voice and pass through a trance before becoming regions. Yet at they are wise on the subject of superstition."

Education Only a Polish.

Some might say that education will change this, but it is doubtful. Mother's evils are indelibly written—education will serve only as a polish. In the mining regions the men go into the mines early in the morning and the women have comparatively nothing to do all day but sit around in idle groups and tell stories. They believe in fortune-telling, and one might as well try to pull down the stars as to attempt to convince them that in conjuring there is no reality. Lift the mothers and you shall have the race. The poor colored girl has but little encouragement to do right. They are subject to the base entreaties not only of the colored men, but of the whites also. And a great many of them are born in iniquitous relations, and does not the bible say that the sins of the fathers will come upon the children? At the close of Mrs. Province's paper the meeting adjourned until evening.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Where the delegates to the convention will preach.

Many of the delegates to the National Women's Home Missionary convention will occupy pulpits in the different churches of the city tomorrow. The appointments are as follows:

Division Street M. E. Church—10:30 a. m., the Rev. L. M. Dolby, D. D., Washington, D. C.; 7 p. m., Anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary society.

Second Street M. E. Church—10:30 a. m., Mrs. Florence Van Vadenburg, superintendent Pittsburgh Deaconess home; 7 p. m., Mrs. E. L. Albright, Delaware, O.; 6 p. m., Epworth League, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, New York City.

East Street M. E. Church—10:30 a. m., Mrs. J. Bancroft Robinson, secretary Deaconess bureau, Detroit; 7 p. m., Mrs. Clara L. Roach, Washington, D. C.

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TALK ON THE DRAMA

Prof. Demmon Discusses the Rise of the Play

BEFORE SHAKESPEARE'S TIME

The Evolution of the Modern Drama From the Old Religious Ceremonies.

Its Essential Elements.

It was with unmistakable evidences of joy that the old friends of Prof. I. N. Demmon showed their appreciation of the efforts of the officers of the University Extension association in getting the professor to give the first course of this year. Notwithstanding the storm and rain, the lecture-room of the Fountain Street Baptist church was well filled with an appreciative audience. Most of them were the same persons that heard Professor Demmon's lectures last year. The subject of last night's lecture was "The English Drama Before Shakespeare."

President Butterfield thanked those present for coming out in such weather. He then introduced Professor Demmon, who spoke as follows: "You have in your hands a syllabus of the lecture, and as you look at it you will see I have mapped out a big task for one lecture. It seems desirable taking a course in Shakespeare that something should be said regarding the drama before his time. While Shakespeare was a marvel in literature yet there are things in Shakespeare that may be understood if you know the conditions under which he wrought."

The word drama is from the Greek and means to act. It still retains its original meaning. The drama is written to be acted on a stage. The length of the drama is therefore fixed by the time needed to represent it on the stage. From its nature the dialogue must enter largely into it, while the soliloquy may be admitted to some extent. Like the epic there is a story, but in the drama the story is told by the characters. In the epic the author is always present telling the story.

Library Drama.

Recently dramatic have been written that are intended for the library instead of the stage. The matter of length is not observed. Some of them would make a half dozen stage dramas."

The speaker explained the essential qualities of the tragedy and the comedy. In the tragedy the villain is infinitely hateful. In the comedy the villain is to be laughed at. In tragedy the result is the death of the principal characters. In comedy the result is the rescue of the principal characters from some dilemma in which they have been involved. He explained that the hero is the central figure, the character for whom the play was usually named. Shakespeare departed from the classical style of his predecessors. His critics, Dr. Johnson, Sidney and others, protested against this, but he departed, nevertheless.

The plot is the soul of the drama. On it depends the success of the piece. In case an under plot or by play enters in it should have a close connection to the main plot. The drama must possess action, unity, completeness. There must be an inception to the plot, an entanglement, a climax, a denouement, a catastrophe. These five portions of the drama are the foundation for its being presented in five acts.

"The plot is the essential soul of the novel," said the speaker, "but we have some realistic novels of modern writers which have no beginning and no end. The plot is not a mere time you discover there is no more to it. You do not feel that they are complete."

He said characterization is one of the most difficult tasks of the dramatist. The persons are before us speaking the words and thoughts of the author and we criticize them as if they were in real life. The language should be adapted to the characters. In some modern dramas the characters all talked the same.

The three unities. "By the three unities is meant," he said, "the unity of action, time and place. Shakespeare had set at naught the unities of time and place. His predecessors, Kyd and Marlowe, had done so even to a greater extent. Shakespeare was aware that he did this, for the critics mentioned it in his day."

The drama had its origin in religious ceremonies. The selection of the mass in the Catholic churches possessed the elements of the drama. Man was most interested in his early development in religion and mystery. There is no doubt of the sacred origin of the play. At first, after the mass was said, pantomimes were acted at certain seasons in the churches. From this the play became popular and the large attendance compelled in Rome the building of theaters. At first the plays were literary, rather than popular. When the Roman empire went down the actors scattered over Europe and pursued their calling in other places. They were strolling players. They are heard of through the ecclesiastical laws passed against them. Priests were forbidden to take part in any church plays and the drama passed from the control of the church. He spoke of the miracle plays and told how they were acted in movable stages. One act would be given on one street corner and the next act on another corner. These plays were taken from the scriptures. They usually started with the fall of Lucifer, or the creation and closed with the judgment. He read from one of the plays enough to give a good idea of their character.

He told how the authorities forced the movable stages out of London. At Black Friars, up the Thames, and at Temple Bar theaters were erected. The old Globe theater, in which Shakespeare owned a share, was a homely affair, octagonal, with no roof, except over the stage and the boxes. There were no seats in the center, or pit, and the audience stood or lounged on the ground.

The next lecture will be given in two weeks in the same place, the subject will be Richard III.

Comstock and Dwyer Matched.

Last night the Grand Rapids Bicycle club and J. C. Comstock and M. J. Dwyer signed articles for a wrestling match for a purse of \$150. The match is to take place on election night in Harrison's Opera street. The purse is to be divided \$100 to the winner and \$50 to the loser. The match is to be a hard-ship, Comstock agreeing to throw Dwyer four times out of five. As an additional attraction other athletes will give exhibitions in boxing.

Farewell to Mrs. Lee.

The Grand Rapids Bicycle club gave a pedro party last evening to Mrs. Frank Lee, who will leave today for

Chicago to join her husband, who is now located there. After the card games delicious refreshments were served in the parlors and all united in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Lee success in their new field.

In Honor of Mrs. Harrison.

The Boston store windows were handsomely draped yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Harrison. The background was a dense black with a monument in the foreground. The monument was a white shaft in imitation of marble, and was draped in crepe. At the base was a beautiful wreath of flowers, just above the wreath was perched the white dove of purity, and in its bill was a card on which was inscribed, "The sympathy of the world."

The whole thing was draped with black crepe, and altogether it made an imposing display, and was viewed yesterday by thousands of sympathetic persons. It was designed by Mr. Jamieson.

Officers of the Ames Union.

The annual meeting of the Woman's union of the Ames M. E. church was held at the residence of Mrs. Fisk, corner of Powell and Cass streets, Wednesday afternoon. The treasurer's report showed that \$113.18 had been collected during the last year. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Sinclair; vice president, Mrs. Fisk; secretary, Mrs. Kennedy; treasurer, Mrs. Trouman. Two colored delegates to the national convention of the Woman's Home Missionary society were present and spoke entertainingly of the work in the south.

Their Silver Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boden of East Paris celebrated their silver wedding at their home Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Boden were born in Kent county and have been continuous residents here. They have many friends in this city, and among them who attended the celebration were Dr. and Mrs. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kelly, F. H. and J. F. O'Brien, Misses Libbie Brady, Hannah McCroly, Anna and Julia Doran and Mr. and Robert Shanahan. The presence were numerous, valuable and useful.

Injured by a Fall.

Albert Nobles, a painter 29 years old, employed by Harvey & Heycock at a house at No. 174 Court avenue, fell from a scaffold yesterday morning and sustained severe injuries about his head and shoulders. The ambulance was called and carried the injured man to the residence of his sister at No. 84 First street, where he was attended by Dr. Albright. Besides his head and shoulder bruises it was found that he had been injured internally.

Deferred the Peters Settlement.

The city banks and creditors of H. G. Peters came to no definite agreement at their conference with Receiver A. M. Henry Thursday afternoon, and the matter was deferred until some day next week when another meeting will be held.

Taking Levels at Waverly.

Supervisor Skeels of the eleventh ward has returned from Holland, where he had been for the last two days as a witness in a law suit. While there he finished taking the levels for street grading at Waverly, a village planned by him some time since for the C. & W. M. Railway company. The new village is about one mile this side of Holland and promises to be a thriving town within a few years.